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Arthur D. Ballard et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004		Application Number			er 10/824957-Conf. #7461		
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Art Unit			N/A		
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Name The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)	1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.		
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to the above-identified deposit account.	1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Examiner action		
FEE CALCULATION	1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		
1. BASIC FILING FEE Large Entity Small Entity	1252 1253	420 950	2252 2253	210	Extension for reply within second month		
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Code (\$) Code (\$)	1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month		
1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee	1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee	1401	330	2401		Notice of Appeal		
1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee	1402	330	2402		Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee	1403	290	2403		Request for oral hearing		
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee	1451	1,510	1451		Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00	1452	110	2452		Petition to revive – unavoidable		
	1453	1,330	2453		Petition to revive - unintentional		
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE Extra Fee from	1501	1,330	2501		Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
Claims below Fee Paid	1502	480	2502		Design issue fee		
Total Claims -37** = 3 x 18.00 54.00	1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee		
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Multiple Dependent =	1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		
Large Entity Small Entity	1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		
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1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	1809	770	2809		Filing a submission after final rejection		
1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3	l				(37 CFR 1.129(a)) For each additional invention to be		
1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	1810	770	2810	303	examined (37CFR 1.129(b))		
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